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ATLA RECEIVES SEALANTIC GRANT

by Robert F. Beach, Chairman
Committee on Financial Assistance from Foundations

On December 28, 1956, your Committee on Financial Assistance from Foundations received from The Sealantic Fund, Inc., a check for $110,000. The receipt of this helpful grant might well be thought of as the culminating section of Chapter One of the Sealantic story.

Members of ATLA will find a record of the earlier pages of Chapter One in the Summary of Proceedings of the Berkeley Conference, where the development of the original proposals is described (pp. 18-20). On April 27, 1956, the Periodical Indexing Proposal, calling for $30,000 was taken to Sealantic; on May 15, the documents relating to the Microtext Program were submitted, calling for a sum of $80,000. During the period between May and December, verbal assurances were received periodically to the effect that the two proposals were under continuing consideration. On December 20 a telephone message came through, reporting the good news that the Trustees of The Sealantic Fund, Inc., at their meeting earlier that same day, had approved the requests in full, for the sum of $110,000.

Chapter Two of the Sealantic story begins with the official acceptance of this grant by the ATLA and with the first steps taken by the Executive Committee in implementing the two proposals. Elsewhere in this issue, President Helen B. Uhrich has summarized the actions of the Executive Committee taken at its meetings in Chicago on February 1 and 2. Much consideration was given to working out an effective financial and administrative structure. On the financial side we are deeply indebted to the AATS, and particularly to President Walter N. Roberts, Executive Director Charles L. Taylor, and Treasurer Frederick W. Schroeder. Through their good offices the AATS, now incorporated, will serve as our fiscal agent, caring for the investment of funds temporarily unused, and arranging for banking, custodianship, and auditing services.

Execution of the Periodical Indexing and Microtext projects lays heavy responsibilities upon the American Theological Library Association. Deeply aware of this fact, your Committee on Financial Assistance from Foundations devoted much attention to budget and administration. In the case of each project, careful financial estimates were prepared, based upon such parallel and appropriate data as could be secured. In each case, project direction follows the same administrative plan, being under the direction of a five-man Board of Directors, made up of three ATLA members, one person designated by AATS, and a fifth person selected for some specialized competence. Provision is made for review and reassessment at regular intervals.

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As was reported at the Berkeley Conference, the Periodical Indexing Proposal calls for a gradually enlarging Periodical Index, going first to 60 titles, then to 75 titles. Other features projected are: a ten-year cumulation, 1949-1958; a five-year cumulation, 1959-1963; and annual issues between cumulations. A ceiling of 750 copies is anticipated. Centralized administration and paid staff are called for.

The Microtext Proposal is intended to make available selected religious materials which are either generally unavailable, or which, for reasons of space and deterioration should be made available in microtext form. This program need not be limited to serial publications, though a substantial part of the funds might be so applied. Media other than microfilm would be considered, as, for example, microcards. The proposal envisages expenditures of $80,000 spread over a three-year period. Such a plan anticipates a budget brought into balance by 1962-1963, after which sales are expected to make the project self-supporting.

The acceptance of the Sealantic grant, here gratefully acknowledged, is an important step forward in the life of ATLA as it seeks to serve Protestant theological education through increasingly effective library service.

DR. TAYLOR BECOMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF AATS

Dr. Charles L. Taylor took up his duties as the first full-time Executive Director of the American Association of Theological Schools on January 1, 1957. He was formerly Dean of the Episcopal Theological School in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Dr. Taylor and his family have moved their residence to Dayton, Ohio, where the headquarters of the American Association of Theological Schools is now located. All mail for the Association should be sent to its new address: 1250 Knott Building, Dayton 2, Ohio. The American Theological Library Association extends to Dr. Taylor its wishes for a long and successful career as Executive Director of the AATS and pledges him its fullest cooperation in his important assignment.

AATS CHECK LIST REVISION COMMITTEE

Mr. Donn Michael Farris, Chairman of the Committee to Revise the AATS Library Check List . . . and Check Sheets for Self-Study and Evaluation of Seminary Libraries, solicits constructive suggestions concerning the Check List from the ATLA membership. The Committee is particularly interested in receiving reports from librarians who used the Check Sheets in evaluating their libraries and who have criticisms of the Check Sheets which might lead to the improvement of them in their revised form. Communications should be addressed to Mr. Farris at the Divinity School Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETS IN CHICAGO, FEBRUARY 1-2

The Executive Committee held its midwinter meeting on February 1-2 at McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, on invitation from Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt, Librarian, with the following present:

Miss Helen B. Uhrich, President
Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt, Vice-President
Miss Alice M. Dagan, Secretary
Mr. Harold B. Prince, Treasurer
Mr. Robert F. Beach
Dr. Connolly Gamble
Miss Margaret J. Hort
Mr. Roscoe M. Pierson
Mrs. Pamela Quiers
Dr. Carl C. Rasmussen, AATS Representative

Mr. Donn Michael Farris, Editor of the Newsletter, was also present for a portion of the meetings.

Five separate sessions of the Executive Committee were scheduled, three on Friday and two on Saturday, with adjournment Saturday afternoon at 4:30. The meetings were scheduled in conjunction with the Midwinter Meeting of the American Library Association, which met in Chicago January 29 - February 2. Mr. Schmitt, the ATLA Representative on the ALA Council, and Miss Uhrich attended the ALA Council meeting on Thursday evening, January 31.

The members of the Committee are most grateful to Mr. Schmitt and his administration for the privilege of meeting at McCormick and for the hospitality and courtesies extended to them throughout their stay. A room in the Library was made available for Committee meetings, and dining room facilities and guest quarters were provided. In addition, the Library staff provided morning and afternoon coffee breaks, secretarial services, and following the Friday evening session the members of the Committee were invited to an informal gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Schmitt.

The meeting of the Executive Committee was of unusual importance this year in light of the recent gift of $110,000 from The Sealantic Fund, Inc. (described in detail by Mr. Robert F. Beach elsewhere in this issue). The major part of two sessions on Friday was devoted to a full presentation and discussion of the gift and the development of plans for the implementation of these projects. The Committee acknowledged the gift of The Sealantic Fund, Inc., on behalf of the Association, and voted its appreciation and thanks to the Committee on Financial Assistance from Foundations which had been responsible for the preparation and presentation of the documents that resulted in the grant: Mr. Robert F. Beach, Chairman, Dr. Jannette E. Newhall, and Mr. Raymond P. Morris.

As already outlined by Mr. Beach, administrative structures of both projects are to be developed along similar lines, each project to be administered by a Board of Directors consisting of five members--three to be appointed by the American Theological Library Association, one by the American Association of Theological Schools, and the fifth chosen by the Board because of special competence in the field. The Executive Committee took steps to create these Boards through the appointment from ATLA of

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Dr. Jannette E. Newhall, Chairman, Mr. Robert F. Beach and Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt to the Board of Directors for the periodical indexing project, and Mr. Raymond P. Morris, Chairman, Mr. Roscoe M. Pierson and Mr. Decherd Turner, Jr., to the Board for the microfilm project. Terms are to be staggered so as to insure continuity, with the right of re-election for an additional term or terms. The remaining committee appointments are in process and are to be announced later.

These Boards were authorized and instructed to proceed at once to carry out the administrative procedures as outlined in the respective project proposals, and asked to prepare and submit for approval to the Executive Committee of ATLA on or before June 1, 1957, their proposed budgets indicating periodical disbursements as projected for the next five years or such period as seems wise in the execution of their assignments.

Both requests to Sealantic had recommended that the funds, if granted, be held in the name of the project by the American Association of Theological Schools, thus insuring consolidation of interests and avoiding unnecessary administrative costs, and without the complications of incorporation for ATLA. Further, it would serve to strengthen the bonds between the Associations. The gift of $110,000 was consequently made by Sealantic with the understanding that the AATS be the fiscal agent of our Association. In acceptance of this specification, a resolution was drawn up requesting the Investment and Finance Committee of the American Association of Theological Schools to serve as agent for the fund granted by The Sealantic Fund, Inc., with the Winters National Bank and Trust Department of Dayton, Ohio, rendering investment and custodianship service for ATLA under the direction of the Investment Committee of AATS. These funds are to be held for ATLA in the name of AATS, ATLA having complete freedom to develop and administer its program. The Executive Committee voted an expression of appreciation to the officers of AATS for their help and services.

Several items on the agenda were in the area of AATS-ATLA committee relationships. The Executive Committee acted upon a request from AATS to nominate two persons from the membership of ATLA to serve on a committee to be appointed by AATS to study library standards. The request from the Executive Committee of AATS indicated that the desirability of a restudy was brought to their attention primarily from persons in ATLA. It may be recalled that at our New York Conference in 1955 it was voted to send a letter in the form of a Resolution to the members of the Executive Committee of AATS, expressing the hope that the minimum standards for accreditation of libraries of AATS be reviewed and brought up to date.

Mr. Donn Michael Farris, Chairman, reported for the Committee to Revise the Library Check List consisting of Selected Basic Reference Books, Periodicals and Check Sheets for Self-Study and Evaluation of Seminary Libraries, which met on Thursday, January 31, for an organizational and planning session. This Committee, composed of Miss Alice M. Dagan, Messrs. Robert F. Beach, Connolly Gamble and Jules Moreau, was appointed at the request of AATS and was announced in the November Newsletter. The Check List is scheduled to be revised and re-issued just prior to the Biennial meeting of AATS in June, 1958.

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Under the direction of Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt, Vice-President, plans for the 1957 Conference to be held at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, on June 19-21 were considered in detail. Full attention was given to program and entertainment plans, speakers, and matters of special concern that will require adequate time in the program schedule, such as reports on progress of the two Sealantic projects and the proposed revision of the Constitution. Travel information and additional details on the program will be found elsewhere in this issue.

Another feature of the Conference will be the continuation of the Book Publishers' Exhibit which will be prepared by Mr. Alec R. Allenson on invitation of the Executive Committee. Chicago-area librarians, under the direction of Miss Betty Jane Highfield, will assist Mr. Allenson as needed.

A letter to AATS seminary administrators will be sent out shortly, urging their support of your attendance at the Conference. Full participation will be extremely important in view of the recent developments in the life of ATLA, and it is strongly urged that you attend if at all possible.

Mr. Donn Michael Farris was appointed Chairman of the Nominating Committee. Suggestions for nominations may be channeled through the Chairman.

On recommendation of the Treasurer, Mr. Harold B. Prince, the Executive Committee voted to authorize investment of ATLA funds in U. S. Treasury Certificates.

Reports were heard from twelve committees and from the ATLA Representative on the ALA Council and the ATLA Representative on the ALA Committee on Reprinting. It will not be possible to do more than summarize the high points of these reports in this Letter. We would call to your attention that full and complete reports are available in the Secretary's Minutes.

Building and Equipment (Frederick L. Chenery, Chairman) suggested the preparation of a scrapbook of ideas which might be made available to librarians engaged in planning or remodeling. Cataloguing and Classification (Olive M. Grobel, Chairman) suggested the investigation of the possibility of supplying card copy for lengthy series not acquired by the Library of Congress. Constitution (Raymond P. Morris, Chairman asked for comments on a proposed revision now in process of formulation by this Committee. Financial Assistance from Foundations (Robert F. Beach, Chairman) presented the concept of the future function of this Committee in screening or reviewing foundation proposals now that its original assignment has been completed. International Cooperation (L. R. Elliott, Chairman) reported concentration on the formulation of a draft statement of a published bibliographic service and exploratory efforts looking toward financial subvention. Membership (Betty Jane Highfield, Chairman) reported the completion of the ATLA brochure and its distribution, and the acceptance to date of one institutional, eleven active and nine associate members. Microphotography (Decherd Turner, Jr., Chairman)

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reported publication of two more items in the Microcard Theological Studies series with four more items in process and the expenditure of only $59.32 of its allotment in ten years of work. Newsletter (Donn Michael Farris, Editor) asked for suggestions on length of letter, inclusion of articles, etc. Periodical Exchange (Susan Schultz, Chairman) reported effective functioning of the Exchange and raised the question of a possible re-allocation of titles for more equitable distribution of the work load, also suggesting that new members who are unfamiliar with this Exchange service should communicate with the Committee. Periodical Indexing (Jannette E. Newhall, Chairman) presented the "interim" report of the Committee, reporting on sales and promotion of the Periodical Index (135 copies of volume 2 sold to date). Placement (Calvin H. Schmitt, Chairman) reported on the high proportion of job openings to that of available personnel. Recruitment and Education for Theological Librarianship (Henry M. Brimm, Chairman) reported on various areas now under investigation, including a study and comparison of existing conditions in our theological libraries with those in comparable institutional libraries among non-theological colleges and universities.

Mr. Schmitt, in reporting on the ALA Council, suggested the importance of our relationship to ALA in view of our recent Sealantic grant for periodical indexing. Dr. Frank M. Vanderhoof reported the receipt of 45 replies to his list of titles for possible reprinting included in the November Newsletter, and the forwarding of this checked list to the Reprint Expediting Service.

The Committees on Microphotography and Periodical Indexing, having successfully fulfilled the tasks for which they had been appointed, were discharged with thanks and appreciation for the work performed in their respective areas, and for their services to the Association.

The Executive Committee gave its full approval to a project currently in progress by Mr. Donn Michael Farris to compile a bibliography of outstanding reference books that appeared during the past year in the fields of theology and religion or with special value and significance to theological collections, and to present this list annually to the Association.

The sad news of the death of the Reverend Dr. Lewis J. Sherrill, Skinner and McAlpin Professor of Practical Theology at Union Theological Seminary, New York, who died January 29 at the age of 64, was received. Dr. Sherrill was Executive Secretary of the American Association of Theological Schools from 1935 to 1938 and its President from 1938 to 1945, and Chairman of their Executive Committee at the time of his death. It would be difficult to measure the extent of Dr. Sherrill's long and valuable contribution to theological education and his concern and untiring efforts to strengthen the work of our Association. Expressions of sympathy were sent to his family and to the American Association of Theological Schools on behalf of ATLA.

The Executive Secretary reported a total ATLA membership of 283, divided as follows: 139 active, 47 associate and 97 institutional. Eleven members were dropped at their request; three moved leaving no address; two died; three retired; a number were reactivated by payment of

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back dues. It was also brought to the attention of the Executive Committee that as of February 1, 1957, 37 active members, seven associate and five institutional members had not yet paid their dues for 1956/1957.

Sixty copies of the 1956 Proceedings are still available after distribution of 315 copies to members, libraries, speakers, etc., and through direct sale.

The name of Elton Shell was inadvertently omitted from the listing under the Committee on Recruitment and Education for Theological Librarianship as announced in the November Newsletter. Our apologies to Mr. Shell for this oversight.

Helen B. Uhrich, President

REGIONAL GROUP PLANS SPRING MEETING

The theological librarians of Greater Boston and Providence will hold their spring meeting at the Andover Newton Theological School in Newton Centre, Massachusetts on May 24. A picnic supper will be held on the campus followed by a tour of the Andover Newton Library and an illustrated address on the Middle East by Professor Carl E. Purinton of Boston University. Miss Florence K. Babcock, Assistant Librarian of the Congregational Library, Boston, is President of the group. Mr. Robert W. Sillen is Librarian of the host library.

DR. WILLIAMS'S LIBRARY RECATALOGUES NONCONFORMIST MATERIALS

An entire recataloguing of all the works in Dr. Williams's Library (14, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1) published before the year 1800 that bear on Protestant Dissent (including a very large collection of pamphlets) has been undertaken with the support of the Pilgrim Trust and Hibbert Trust. This has now been completed. Although it is unlikely that any one library contains all, or anything approaching all, the literature of English Dissent, the present catalogue, despite its inevitable gaps, approximates to a bibliography of the subject and affords a useful guide to the literature of these centuries of English religious history.

The completion of the work has taken nine years. Throughout it has been in the hands of Miss G. Woodward, who has had the co-operation of the Library staff and the occasional advice of historians on points of difficulty.

The catalogue has a threefold arrangement: (1) by author with full cross-references and numerous identifications of anonymous writers; (2) by date; and (3) by subject. The eighteenth century section of the work has been produced in such a form that, given the wherewithal of labour and material, the basic entries can be readily reproduced or a working check-list run off at will.

FORT WORTH CONFERENCE INFORMATION

The Eleventh Annual Conference of the American Theological Library Association will be held on June 19-21 at the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. L. R. Elliott, Librarian, will be our host.

Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt, Vice-President of ATLA and in charge of the program for the Conference, has provided a tentative program which will be found on the following pages. Mr. Schmitt advises the Newsletter that each ATLA member will receive a letter from him shortly giving further details on the Conference program and entertainment plans.

Dr. Elliott has furnished information on rail and plane fares to Fort Worth and on hotel and motel accommodations in the city, which will be found on the pages following the tentative program. Rooms and meals for persons attending the Conference will, of course, be provided at Southwestern Seminary, if desired. Dormitory rooms will be available at $1.75 a night; meals will be served in the cafeteria. Dr. Elliott advises that, since Southwestern Seminary is located six miles south of the center of Fort Worth, Conference attendees will find it more convenient and time-saving to room on the campus.

On or about April 1, Dr. Elliott will send to each ATLA member final details regarding these accommodations and additional information concerning the proposed post-conference tours. A reply card will be provided on which members may indicate their plans and needs for accommodations to Dr. Elliott and the local committee which is assisting him with the arrangements.

Dr. Elliott and his committee have made plans for a two-day post-Conference tour of eastern Texas libraries for ATLA members who are interested. Plans call for the group to leave Fort Worth early Friday afternoon (June 21) and to spend Friday afternoon in Dallas under the guidance of Mr. Decherd Turner, Jr., seeing the new ultra-modern Public Library, the libraries of the Perkins School of Theology (Mr. Turner, Librarian), and the Dallas Theological Seminary (Mr. James F. Rand, Librarian), and some of the well-known Dallas department stores. The day will close with a tea for ATLA members at the Perkins School of Theology.

Those who wish to start home at the end of the Dallas tour will be free to do so. Those who have time to make the remainder of the trip will go to Waco on Saturday (June 22) after spending the night in the Perkins dormitories. In Waco, the group will visit the internationally famous Armstrong-Browning Library at Baylor University in the morning, going on to Austin in the early afternoon to spend the afternoon and evening as guests of the Presbyterian Theological Seminary (Mr. Norman Dow, Librarian), and the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest (Mr. Frederick L. Chenery, Librarian), on whose campuses overnight accommodations will be provided. Sunday morning (June 23) will be devoted to a visit to the state capitol; and on Sunday afternoon the tour will return to Dallas to make train and plane connections for home. For those who are interested, Dr. Elliott will also provide information regarding trips to San Antonio and to Mexico.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

American Theological Library Association
Eleventh Annual Conference, Fort Worth, Texas, June 19-21, 1957
Host: Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, L.R. Elliott, Librarian

TUESDAY, June 18

Executive Committee meets at 2:30 and 7:30 p.m.
Convenient rooms will be available for other committees.

WEDNESDAY, June 19

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. - Committee meetings

10:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION

Worship Service - Dr. Connolly Gamble
Greetings from the Host Institution
Presidential Address - Miss Helen B. Uhrich
Conference Aims - Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt
Temporary Committee Appointments
Committee Reports: Membership - Miss Betty Jane Highfield
Placement - Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt
Buildings and Equipment -
Mr. Frederick L. Chenery

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch
Temporary Committee Meetings
Completion of Registration

2:00 p.m. - AFTERNOON SESSION

Report on Sealantic Grant - Committee on Financial Assistance from Foundations - Mr. Robert F. Beach
Report on Organization and Program of the Board for Periodical Indexing - Dr. Jannette E. Newhall
Report on Organization and Program of the Board for Microtext Reproduction - Dr. Raymond P. Morris
Recess
Paper: "The Teaching Function of the Library in Theological Education" - The Reverend Jules L. Moreau

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. - Western Style Chuck Wagon Supper on campus lawn

7:00 p.m. - EVENING SESSION

Report on and Discussion of the New Constitution - Dr. Raymond P. Morris, Dr. Kenneth S. Gapp, Miss Margaret J. Hort
Committee Reports: Newsletter - Miss Elizabeth L. Balz
Periodical Exchange - Miss Susan A. Schultz
Film: "Tour of Fort Worth"

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THURSDAY, June 20

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION

Worship Service - Dr. Connolly Gamble
Recruitment and Education for Theological Librarianship - Committee Study and Discussion - Dr. Henry M. Brimm
Report of ATLA Representative on ALA Council - Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt
Treasurer's Report - Mr. Harold B. Prince
Recess
Reports: International Association of Theological Libraries
ATLA Representative on ALA Committee on Reprinting - Dr. Frank M. Vanderhoof
Cataloging and Classification Committee - Miss Olive M. Grobel
Papers and discussions on cataloging problems

12:00 - 2:00 p.m. - Lunch - Exhibits

2:00 p.m. - AFTERNOON SESSION

Paper: "Plymouth Brethren Writers" (historical-bibliographical) - Dr. Arnold D. Ehlert
Guest Speaker: "Audio-Visual Aids" - Miss Mildred Williams, Baptist Sunday School Board
Recess
Panel: The Library and Audio-Visual Methods and Materials
Panel: The Problems in the Maintenance of the Library Collection
Business Session

6:30 p.m. - Banquet at Texas Christian University Student Center - Mr. Claude G. Sparks, Chairman
Recognition of New Members
Guest Speaker: Dr. Herbert Pickens Gambrell, Head of the Department of History, Southern Methodist University

FRIDAY, June 21

7:30 - 8:30 a.m. - Breakfast

9:00 a.m. - MORNING SESSION

Worship Service - Dr. Connolly Gamble
Committee Reports: Auditing - Nominating - Resolutions
Closing Business Session

12:00 noon - Lunch

1:00 p.m. - Post-Conference tours begin.

OFF-CAMPUS ACCOMMODATIONS IN FORT WORTH

HOTELS

Hickman 515 West Fifth	Double Twin beds	$4.00 5.00	Single	2.50
Hilton 601 Main	Double Twin beds	7.00 8.00	Single	5.00
Loring 3101 Camp Bowie	Double Twin beds	7.00 7.50	Single	5.00
Texas 815 Main	Double Twin beds	6.50 7.50	Single	4.00
Town House 600 West Third	Double Twin beds	5.50 5.50	Single	4.00
Westbrook 408 Main	Double Twin beds	4.00 5.00	Single	3.00
Western Hills 6541 Camp Bowie	Double Twin beds	8.75 8.75	Single	4.00
Worth 310 West Seventh	Double Twin beds	8.50 8.50	Single	6.50

MOTELS

EAST:	*Century 3434 E. Lancaster	Double Twin beds	5.00 6.00	Single	4.00
	El Ranchero 2100 E. Lancaster	Double Twin beds	6.00 6.00	Single	5.00
	*Park Plaza 1815 E. Lancaster	Double Twin beds	5.50 7.00	Single	4.50
WEST:	*Half Circle J Weatherford Highway	Double Twin beds	5.00 7.00	Single	4.00
	Town and Country 3520 Camp Bowie	Double Twin beds	7.00 7.50	Single	5.00
SOUTH:	*Plaza Lodge Waco Highway	Double Twin beds	6.00 8.00	Single	5.00
	Trail Highway 81	Double	5.00	Single	4.00

* Approved by the AAA.

TRANSPORTATION TO FORT WORTH
(Supplied by Dr. Elliott as of January 14, 1957)

Round trip, tax included From:	AIR LINES Regular	AIR LINES Aircoach	RAILWAYS Coach	RAILWAYS Roomette	RAILWAYS Bedroom
Atlanta	$105.38	$ 83.82			
Boston	205.04	156.20			
Chicago	117.70	85.80	$ 72.93	$18.26	$28.55
Cleveland	146.30	127.60			
Denver	98.05	78.32	61.22	11.22	24.75
Kansas City	71.06	55.00	37.84	11.61	18.32
Los Angeles	161.59	125.40	109.89	25.58	40.32
Louisville	105.38	89.98			
New York	186.01	138.60	103.40		
San Francisco	204.71	147.40	128.65	31.02	48.84
St. Louis	85.25				

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Donn Michael Farris, invites and urges ATLA members to submit to him at an early date their suggestions for the officers and the two new Executive Committee members who are to be elected at the Fort Worth Conference to serve the ATLA during the 1957-1958 term. Nominations should be sent to Mr. Farris at the Divinity School Library, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina

COMMITTEE ON CATALOGING AND CLASSIFICATION

Miss Olive M. Grobel, Chairman of the Committee on Cataloging and Classification, met on November 30 with two other members of her Committee, Miss Ruth C. Eisenhart and Miss Isabelle Stauffer, at the apartment of Dr. Niels H. Sonne in New York City. President Helen B. Uhrich also attended the meeting which was called to discuss plans for the year's work.

It was suggested that the Committee investigate the possibility of supplying card copy for lengthy series not acquired by the Library of Congress, with the idea of making the printed cards available to the ATLA membership. Later in the evening, at a dinner meeting of the New York Regional Catalog Group, members of the Committee had an opportunity to discuss the matter with Mr. Richard Angell, Chief of the Subject Catalog Division of the Library of Congress, who seemed to view the project favorably.

Before launching such a program, the Committee wishes to know whether such a service is feasible from the standpoint of the membership. Those who would be interested are requested to communicate with the Committee and to indicate their choices of series to be made available. Correspondence should be directed to Miss Olive M. Grobel, General Theological Seminary, Chelsea Square, New York 11, New York.

BRITISH THEOLOGICAL AND PHILOSOPHICAL LIBRARIANS ORGANIZE

At a meeting held in London on October 25, 1956, the Association of British Theological and Philosophical Libraries came formally into existence; its aims, as stated in its constitution, are "to promote the interests of libraries, scholars, and librarians" in the fields of theology and philosophy.

Its foundation membership ranges from large academic libraries to modest society libraries, as well as a number of individuals, and no doubt its numbers will grow as its usefulness becomes increasingly clear. It hopes to help members by the provision and interchange of information, and by undertaking, among other things, projects of bibliographical value. A bulletin will be issued three times a year, about the middle of each university term. This will be sent free to all members of the Association; non-members will be able to subscribe to it.

The officers are: Chairman: Dr. Roger Thomas (Dr. Williams's Library, 14, Gordon Square, London, W.C.1); Deputy Chairman: Rev. F. Courtney, S.J. (Heythrop College, Chipping Norton, Oxon.); Hon. Secretary/Treasurer: Miss Joan Ferrier (c/o Church Missionary Society Library, 6, Salisbury Square, London, E.C.4). The Editor of the Bulletin will be Mr. R. J. Hoy (School of Oriental and African Studies Library, University of London, London, W.C.1).

COMMITTEE ON MICROPHOTOGRAPHY

Mr. Decherd Turner, Jr., Chairman of the Committee on Microphotography, announces the following new titles in the Microcard Theological Studies series:

Already published:

No. 19. West, Charles C. Recent Theological Encounters with Communism. Thesis, Yale University.

No. 20. Scott, Leland H. Methodist Theology in America in the Nineteenth Century. Thesis, Yale University.

In process and to be published soon:

No. 21. Stanfield, Vernon L. The Preaching of the Great Awakening and Its Contribution to Political Liberty. Thesis (Th.D.), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

No. 22. Elliott, Ralph H. A Comparative Study of Deutero-Isaiah and Job. Thesis (Th.D.), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

No. 23. Steely, John E. Gnosis: The Doctrine of Christian Perfection in the Writings of Clement of Alexandria. Thesis (Th.D.), Southern Baptist Theological Seminary.

NEWS OF ATLA MEMBERS

At its meeting on November 8, 1956, the Board of Trustees of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, elected Dr. Connolly Gamble to the office of Director of Continuing Education and elevated him to the rank of Associate Professor of Bibliography. Dr. Gamble is Assistant Librarian at Union.

Miss Elsie Gibson is now serving as Assistant Librarian at the Bloomfield College and Seminary, Bloomfield, New Jersey. She is a recent graduate of the Rutgers University Graduate School of Library Service.

Mrs. Ella K. Hansen, Assistant Librarian for the past three years of the Northwestern Lutheran Theological Seminary in Minneapolis, Minnesota, has resigned her position to join the staff of the Lutheran Brotherhood Life Insurance Company where she will organize the Martin Luther Library. In addition to the company's insurance materials, the library will emphasize collections on Martin Luther, Lutheranism in America, and church art and architecture.

Dr. Walter G. Hards, Reference Librarian at Princeton Theological Seminary, Princeton, New Jersey, will leave his present position and the library profession in March to become a member of the staff of the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Baltimore.

Mrs. Persis P. Hayes is the new Librarian of the Bloomfield College and Seminary in Bloomfield, New Jersey, succeeding Mrs. Beatrice B. Hersey. Mrs. Hayes, who is a graduate of the Syracuse University School of Library Science, was formerly the Assistant Librarian at Bloomfield.

Mr. Frank W. Price assumed his duties as Director of the Missionary Research Library in New York City on February 1, 1957. He is also serving as Adjunct Professor of Missions at Union Theological Seminary. Mr. Price came to his new position from a pastorate in Lexington, Virginia; but he has spent most of his life as a missionary in China, of the Presbyterian Church in the United States, and engaged in theological education. He and Mrs. Price left China at the end of 1952. He is the author of several books on China and Christian mission work there; his new book, Marx Meets Christ, will be published this spring by the Westminster Press.

Mr. Calvin H. Schmitt, Librarian of the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago, Illinois, and Vice-President of ATLA, was inaugurated as Professor of Bibliography in ceremonies held at the Seminary on January 7, 1957.

Mr. Edward L. Sheppard became Librarian of Garrett Biblical Institute in Evanston, Illinois, on January 1, 1957. He had been Librarian of the Hartford Seminary Foundation in Hartford, Connecticut, since 1954.

Mr. Robert W. Sillen, Librarian of Andover Newton Theological School, Newton Centre, Massachusetts, is a member of the newly formed Recruiting Committee of the Massachusetts Library Association. It is the purpose of this committee of public and academic librarians to plan a program for the recruiting of young people for library service.

BUILDING AND EQUIPMENT NOTES

The Berkeley Divinity School in New Haven, Connecticut, is erecting a new library building which it expects to complete by September 1 and to occupy around October 30, 1957. It was designed by Douglas Orr of New Haven and Russel Bailey of Orange, Virginia, and will cost approximately $500,000. The Reverend Charles E. Davis, Librarian, says, "The library when completed will enable us to work toward our goal of providing the New England area with the most complete collection of Anglican religious literature in existence. It is our desire to supply not only the immediate needs of the students in training for the priesthood of the Protestant Episcopal Church, but also to meet the research needs of our clergy as well. In time we shall be able to augment the holdings of the great libraries of Yale University and to enrich its religion section considerably."

The Bloomfield College and Seminary in Bloomfield, New Jersey, occupied its recently completed library building at the beginning of the spring school term. The structure, the first of a series of new buildings planned for the institution, was designed by Frederick J. Cook. Mrs. Persis P. Hayes is the Librarian.

The Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas, is currently conducting a fund-raising campaign, looking forward to the erection of a new library building to cost from $300,000 to $350,000. Dr. Eric G. Haden, Chairman of the Library Committee, would like to hear from any professionally trained persons who might be interested in the librarianship of the Seminary. Dr. Haden should be addressed at the Central Baptist Theological Seminary, Minnesota Avenue at 31st Street, Kansas City 2, Kansas.

The Talbot Theological Seminary in Los Angeles, California, broke ground in January for development of its new campus in La Mirada, twenty-two miles southeast of the Los Angeles business district. The first building will be the chapel. The campus site of fifty acres will eventually accommodate, in addition to the Seminary, the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, the Biola Bible College and the Biola School of Missionary Medicine.

The Western Evangelical Seminary in Portland, Oregon, expects to move into its new library building during the first week of March. The building measures 40 by 120 feet and is designed to provide stack space for 30,000 volumes and reading room space for 160 students. Also included are individual typing rooms, an audio-visual room, a photographic darkroom, a bookstore, periodical room, check-out room and office space. Mr. Nobel V. Sack is the Librarian.

MISCELLANEA

The third biennial meeting of the Association of Professors of Missions and Related Fields was held at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Illinois, June 7-9, 1956. The mimeographed report of this meeting has been compiled and edited by Dr. Wilbur C. Harr. It includes all the papers presented during the session. A limited number of copies is still available at $2.00 and may be secured by writing to Dr. Wilbur C. Harr, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois.

The Historical Missionary Museum of the Andover Newton Theological School and the American Board is being installed in new quarters in the library building of Andover Newton in Newton Centre, Massachusetts. The museum is made up of early missionary relics from Baptist and Congregational foreign mission stations. It was organized in 1940 and contains items of historical and artistic interest from the nineteenth century.

The Eden Theological Seminary Library has available among its duplicates fairly complete runs of the following periodicals for the years indicated:

Andover Review, 1884-1893
The British Weekly, 1938-1954
Homiletic Review, 1878-1935
Missionary Review of the World, 1893-1931
The Nation, 1924-1952
National Geographic, 1925-1946

ATLA member libraries interested in securing any of these titles should address their inquiries to Mr. Herbert Wernecke, Librarian, Eden Theological Seminary, 475 East Lockwood Avenue, Webster Groves, Missouri.

POSITIONS OPEN

A library school graduate is wanted to fill the position of Assistant Librarian in charge of reference and circulation at Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois, beginning in July or August, 1957. The position offers a good salary, Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association benefits, paid Blue Cross hospitalization, and a one-month vacation. Applicants should write to Mr. Edward L. Sheppard, Librarian, Garrett Biblical Institute, Evanston, Illinois.

The position of Librarian at the New Brunswick Theological Seminary in New Brunswick, New Jersey, will be open in the summer of 1957. Interested persons should communicate with The Reverend M. Stephen Jones, President of the Seminary.

The following publications of the Yale University Press, mostly the Terry Lectures, are available for the cost of transportation on application to the Yale Divinity School Library, 409 Prospect Street, New Haven 11, Connecticut.

_____ Allport: Becoming; basic considerations for a psychology of personality
_____ Bixler: Conversations with an unrepentant liberal
_____ Bodein: The social gospel of Walter Rauschenbusch
_____ Cassirer: The problem of knowledge
_____ Conant: On understanding science, an historical approach
_____ Cuninggim: The college seeks religion
_____ Dallin: The new Soviet empire
_____ Dallin: The rise of Russia in Asia
_____ Dallin and Nicolaevsky: Forced labor in Soviet Russia
_____ Dewey: A common faith
_____ Fromm: Psychoanalysis and religion
_____ Geyl: The use and abuse of history
_____ Greenberg: The Jews in Russia, Vol. 1: The struggle for emancipation
_____ Hartshorne: The divine relativity
_____ Jacks: Responsibility and culture
_____ Jefferson: The God of ethical religion
_____ Jennings: The universe and life
_____ Jung: Psychology and religion
_____ Kuhn: The mother's role in childhood education
_____ Latourette: The emergence of a world Christian community
_____ Lindblom: Unions and capitalism
_____ McKinney: Religion in higher education among Negroes
_____ Macmurray: The structure of religious experience
_____ Maritain: Education at the crossroads
_____ May: A social psychology of war and peace
_____ Millikan: Evolution in science and religion
_____ Northrop: Ideological differences and world order
_____ Pope: Millhands and preachers
_____ Persons: Free religion: an American faith
_____ Quillian: The moral theory of evolutionary naturalism
_____ Scudder: Tennant's philosophical theology
_____ Sigerist: Medicine and human welfare
_____ Simpson: The meaning of evolution
_____ Simpson: Nature: cosmic, human and divine
_____ Thomas: Observational studies of social behavior
_____ Tillich: The courage to be
_____ Torrey: The Apocryphal literature
_____ Torrey: The chronicler's history of Israel

Still available: volumes by and about John R. Mott (see November Newsletter)

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